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Chief, Services Branch

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Chief, Budget and Finance Branch

Establishment of special working fund to provide for installation of monitoring stations for [REDACTED]

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1. In connection with your memorandum of 7 April 1948 steps have already been initiated in accordance with recommendations made by this office to the Project Review Committee to establish a special working fund(s) to cover the construction work which will be performed under Project OO-23 and OO-24 by the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army. The required working fund(s) in accordance with the approval of the Project Review Committee and the Director, CIA will be established as soon as a firm basis in the nature of basic estimates and correspondence have been completed in cooperation with the appropriate officials of the Department of the Army.

2. The authority under Public Law 94 as interpreted in 23 Comptroller General 88, referred to in the second paragraph of your memorandum of 7 April, appears to be adequate authority for the establishment of such special working fund(s) whereby current Fiscal Year appropriations may be utilized during the period of availability of such appropriations. In view of the manner in which this Agency obtains its funds and, in accordance with an understanding with representatives of the General Accounting Office, it is our responsibility to ascertain that this authority is not used to permit supplementation of subsequent Fiscal Year appropriations. Consequently the necessary information in the form of firm estimates should be furnished as soon as possible in order that the working fund(s) may be established at the earliest practicable date.

3. It is suggested that for further clarification with respect to the availability of current Fiscal Year appropriations, a review be made of 21 Comptroller General 1159.

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